

TABLE 3.9: OPERATOR CONTRIBUTING CIRCUMSTANCES BY HIGHWAY CLASS, 2006

CONTRIBUTING CIRCUMSTANCES	HIGHWAY CLASS									
	INTERSTATE		STATE		TOWN		CITY/VILLAGE		OTHER	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Driving too fast for conditions	354	36.5%	765	12.1%	295	10.0%	487	29.4%	54	2.7%
Failure to keep in proper lane/off road	176	18.1%	687	10.9%	239	8.1%	376	22.7%	33	1.7%
Operating vehicle recklessly	8	0.8%	64	1.0%	48	1.6%	41	2.5%	27	1.4%
Visibility obstructed	4	0.4%	119	1.9%	102	3.4%	24	1.4%	135	6.8%
Excessive speed	18	1.9%	68	1.1%	48	1.6%	44	2.7%	1	0.1%
Following too closely	96	9.9%	723	11.4%	163	5.5%	22	1.3%	18	0.9%
Improper turn	21	2.2%	154	2.4%	59	2.0%	26	1.6%	47	2.4%
Disregarded traffic signs, signals	6	0.6%	137	2.2%	53	1.8%	15	0.9%	6	0.3%
Failure to yield	20	2.1%	1,010	16.0%	385	13.0%	108	6.5%	134	6.7%
Inattention	64	6.6%	1,101	17.4%	663	22.4%	118	7.1%	855	43.1%
Wrong side or wrong way	3	0.3%	36	0.6%	17	0.6%	9	0.5%	4	0.2%
Fell asleep	42	4.3%	107	1.7%	37	1.3%	21	1.3%	2	0.1%
Under influence of medication/drugs/alcohol	16	1.6%	138	2.2%	83	2.8%	61	3.7%	24	1.2%
Operating defective equipment	11	1.1%	56	0.9%	29	1.0%	15	0.9%	15	0.8%
Technology related distraction	1	0.1%	18	0.3%	17	0.6%	5	0.3%	2	0.1%
Distracted	13	1.3%	114	1.8%	71	2.4%	25	1.5%	30	1.5%
Swerving due to wind, slippery surface, etc	43	4.4%	93	1.5%	49	1.7%	71	4.3%	7	0.4%
Other/unknown operator cause	75	7.7%	931	14.7%	600	20.3%	190	11.5%	592	29.8%
TOTAL	971	100.0%	6,321	100.0%	2,958	100.0%	1,658	100.0%	1,986	100.0%

Most operator contributing circumstances for crashes occur on roads other than an interstate. In 2006, driving too fast for conditions and failure to keep in proper lane/off road were the most frequently cited causes of crashes on interstates and city/village roads, while failure to yield the right of way, inattention, following too closely and driving too fast for conditions were the the most frequently cited causes on state and town roads.

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